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SUBJ: MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ON KRAFTCO

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL APRIL 10 ON MINAGRIC MOYLE, HE MENTIONED KRAFTCO'S WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR OFFER. HE HOPED SOME OTHER ARRANGEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT. HE NOTED KRAFTCO'S PROPOSED CONTRACT WAS OPPOSED BY FOL AND FEDERATED FARMERS "TWO OF THE MOST CONSERVATIVE GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY"--AND POINTED OUT THAT FOL WAS ALWAYS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE THEIR CONVENTION IN MAY. THIS WAS PERIOD WHEN FOL LEADERS HAD TO TAKE PUGNACIOUS POSTURES TO PLEASE THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

2. COMMENT. I SAID TO MOYLE THAT KIWIS DID NOT OBJECT TO JOINT NZ-JAPANESE VENTURE WHICH PERMITTED INSTALLATION OF TWO LARGE STATIONARY GILL NETS, EACH OVER A MILE LONG WHICH KILLED EVERY FISH IN THE FISH RICH WATERS IN WHICH THEY ARE INSTALLED. THIS FACT, PLUS IRRATIONAL OBJECTION TO KRAFTCO DEAL WHICH WOULD HAVE HELPED NZ ECONOMY, LED ME TO CONCLUSION THAT IN NZ FISHING IS FUN, BUT COWS ARE SACRED. MOYLE COMPLETELY AGREED.
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